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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW PRIORITY

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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR THE AMBASSADOR: ARCH CALHOUN TOLD US JULY 1 THAT HE HAS VISA AND PLANS ARRIVE MOSCOW AUGUST 3 AT 4:05 P.M. VIA AUSTRIAN AIRLINES FLIGHT NO 601. SOVIET CONSUL TOLD CALHOUN VISA IS FOR TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ONLY BECAUSE INVITATION DID NOT SPECIFY LENINGRAD BUT THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW COULD EASILY ARRANGE WITH MFA TO HAVE IT AMENDED TO INCLUDE LENINGRAD AFTER CALHOUN ARRIVES IN MOSCOW. IF AMB. STOESSEL ALSO PLANS TO GO TO LENINGRAD, CALHOUN WOULD PREFER DEPART FOR LENINGRAD EVENING OF AUGUST 4, OTHERWISE AUGUST 5 DEPARTURE IS FINE.

2. SOVEMBASSY SAYS IT HAS ISSUED LAURI LIPPITZ VISA. WE UNDERSTAND SHE IS IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH SIMONS ABOUT HER ARRIVAL PLANS.

3. FOR GROSS FROM WILLENS: A) ASSUMING NO LAST-MINUTE PROBLEM DEVELOPS, VO IS SENDING A CABLE WHICH CLEARLY
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AUTHORIZES YOU TO GRANT THE PRO-FORMA TCP STANP TO ALLA

KRAPIVENSKAYA AS LONG AS SHE IS WILLING TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO ISRAEL. IF SHE SOMEHOW GOES TO ROME RATHER THAN ISRAEL SHE WILL ONLY CREATE PROBLEMS FOR HERSELF (AND FOR A COUPLE OF US HERE AS WELL). THIS IS CERTAINLY A SECOND BEST SOLUTION BUT IT SEEMS TO BE THE BEST WE CAN ASPIRE TO FOR THE TIME BEING.

B) YOUR MERKHER PROPOSAL STRIKES ME AS A GOOD IDEA AND I PURSUED IT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF VO, BUT HE DOES NOT FEEL WE COULD IMPLEMENT THAT IDEA AT THIS TIME. VO AND INS CO HAD A RECENT EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT HER. MR. MERKHER AND CHILD ARE STILL IN ROME, AND WE UNDERSTAND INR ROME IS REFUSING TO PROCESS THEIR CASE. IF AND WHEN THE HUSBAND REACHES THE US AS CONDITIONAL ENTRANT OR PERMANENT RESIDENT, WE WILL TRY TO PROCESS THE WIFE AS NP-1 OUT OF MOSCOW.

C) THE DEPT AND INS ARE BEGINNING TO GET SOME HEAT ON MONYA POPOVITSER.

4. BILL (RPT BILL) FARRAND INTENDS TO ARRIVE AUGUST 5 ON THE PAN AM FLIGHT FROM COPENHAGEN, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND ONE SON (AGE 2). HIS MOTHER WILL NOT BE WITH THEM.

5. BILL WATSON TODAY MENTIONED THAT DR. JOHNSON IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE COMING THIS WAY WHO COULD CARRY SOME ITEMS URGENTLY WANTED HERE. ASSUME JOHNSON WOULD CHECK THOROUGHLY AROUND EMBASSY FOR A PIGEON, BUT I AGREED TO MENTION IT TO YOU ANYWAY. KISSINGER

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